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19 January 2004



Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 450 Fifth Street NW Washington DC 20549 USA



RE: BRAMBLES INDUSTRIES PLC Rule 12g3-2(b) Exemption (File No. 82-5205)

Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

The enclosed information is being submitted by Brambles Industries plc (the "Company") under paragraph (b) (1) (i) of Rule 12g3-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). The Company's file number is indicated in the upper right hand corner of each unbound page submitted with this letter.

In accordance with paragraphs (b) (4) and (b) (5) of the Rule, the documents submitted with this letter are being submitted with the understanding that such documents will not be deemed "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, and that neither this letter nor the submission of such documents shall constitute an admission for any purpose that the Company is subject to the Exchange Act.

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Yours faithfully

Laura Jackson

Company Secretarial Assistant

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NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1) Name of company

Brambles Industries plc

2) Name of shareholder having a major interest

FMR Corp. and its direct and indirect subsidiaries, and Fidelity International Limited (FIL) and its direct and indirect subsidiaries

3) Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18

Funds under management (Non beneficial)

4) Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them

See list below

5) Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

8,196,100

6) Percentage of issued class

1.13%

7) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

N/A

8) Percentage of issued class

N/A

9) Class of security

Ordinary shares of 5p each

10) Date of transaction

Not advised

11) Date company informed

16 January 2004

12) Total holding following this notification

76,058,254

13) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

10.51%

- 14) Any additional information
- 15) Name of contact and telephone number for queries

 Sandra Walters 020 7659 6039
- 16) Name of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Sandra Walters, Assistant Company Secretary

Date of notification 19 January 2004

Nominee/Registered Holders	Management Company	Holding
State Street Nominees Limited	FMRCO	30,800
State Street Nominees Ltd.	FMTC	2,003,224
Lloyds Bank Nominees Limited	FMTC	954,500
Chase Nominees Ltd.	FMTC	653,400
BT Globenet Nominees Limited	FMTC	980,580
Mellon Bank	FMTC	218,000
State Street Bank & Trust	FMTC	1,376,600
J P Morgan	FMTC	237,700
Nortrust Nominees	FMTC	3,300
Northern Trust	FMTC	404,500
Goldman Sachs and Co.	FMTC	48,300
Morgan Stanley Trust Co. Nominees	FMTC	2,200
Limited Bank		
MSS Nominees Limited	FMTC	354,000
Bank of New York	FMTC	201,500
Rights & Co.	FMTC	31,200
Chase Manhattan Bank London	FISL	11,079,600
Bank of Butterfield	FPM	19,300
Chase Nominees Ltd	FPM	2,726,600
Northern Trust	FPM	1,408,100
Bank of New York London	FPM	690,700
Deutsche Bank	FPM	73,300
Citibank	FPM	373,800
HSBC	FPM	700,600
HSBC Client Holdings Nominee (UK)	${ t FIL}$	26,624,200
Limited		
Chase Manhattan Bank London	FIL	2,396,699
Northern Trust	${ t FIL}$	3,786,700
State Street Bank & Trust	FIL	1,875,812
Bank of New York London	\mathtt{FIL}	3,016,496
Chase Nominees Ltd	FIL	4,207,300
Nortrust Nominees Ltd	FIL	1,590,656
Deutsche Bank	FIL	2,776,287
Citibank	FIL	171,500
Clydesdale Bank (Head Office) Nominees	FIL	1,195,300
Limited		
Mellon Nominees Ltd	FIL	140,700
Bank of New York, Brussels	FIL	552,900
Northern Trust London	FIL	374,900
Master Trust Bank of Japan	FIL	34,300
Japan Trustee Svcs Bk Lt	FIL	17,300
National Australia Bank	FIL	96,400

JP Morgan	FIL	1	1,527,040
ING Luxembourg	FIL		32,860
Bermuda Far East	FIL		37,300
Chase Nominees Ltd (Australia)	FIL		71,600
Bankers Trust	FIL		177,000
Mitsubishi Trust	FIL		12,400
Chuo Trust Bank	FIL		14,900
State Street Nominees Ltd	FIL		215,000
Morgan Stanley	FIL		327,500
PICG	FIL		9,400
Chase Manhattan Bank AG Frankfurt	FIL		92,300
State Street Hong Kong	FIL		11,700

- NB FMRCO = Fidelity Management & Research Company, of which FMR Corp is the parent company

 - FPM = Fidelity Pension Management, of which FIL is the
 parent company
 - FISL = Fidelity Investment Services Ltd, of which FIL is the parent Company